# North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

Child Nutrition and Food Distribution Programs

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#### **CNFD Mission Statement**

To promote relationships and enhance partnerships that provide quality nutrition education and nutrition services for the people of North Dakota.



# A Message from the Superintendent of Public Instruction,

The Child Nutrition and Food Distribution Programs (CNFD) unit of DPI administers eleven US Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs for the state of North Dakota. These programs provide nutritious foods to schools, childcare facilities and low-income households through community action agencies and food assistance programs on Indian reservations.

The 2012 Annual Report for CNFD presents participation and funding details that illustrate the important contributions these programs administer. Eating habits have a direct effect on health; and quality nutrition practices contribute to student academic success as well as personal health and wellness. These programs provide a healthy school and childcare environment, which assists children in developing life-long healthy behaviors.

Thousands of North Dakotans currently benefit from the nutrition programs administered through health and wellness activities. We are committed to continuing our leadership efforts to improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Baesler

State Superintendent

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# Acronyms

CACFP	Child and Adult Care Food Program
CNFD	Child Nutrition and Food Distribution
CSFP	Commodity Supplemental Food Program
FDPIR	Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
FFVP	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
NSLP	National School Lunch Program
SBP	School Breakfast Program
SFSP	Summer Food Service Program
SMP	Special Milk Program
TEFAP	The Emergency Food Assistance Program
UDSA	United States Department of Agriculture

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# Child Nutrition and USDA Foods Distribution Programs in North Dakota

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, in accordance with the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), administers child nutrition and food distribution programs. A partnership of federal, state, and local agencies provides nutrition services and food assistance to students, young children, and adults.

Agencies that participate in the USDA Programs include:

- **♣** Public and Private schools
- **♣** Child care centers and homes
- ♣ Private, non-profit agencies
- **4** Residential facilities
- Local food assistance programs
- Indian reservations

The focus of the Child Nutrition and Food Distribution (CNFD) office is to foster positive partnerships with local program staff and provide excellent customer service.

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# Customers and Programs

Thousands of North Dakotans benefit from nutrition and education services through the USDA programs administered by this office. The delivery of quality services through USDA programs administered by this office. The delivery of quality service to our customers is essential. Major customer groups include:

- Students
- Infants and young children
- Households
- **♣** Nutrition professional
- **♣** School and program administrators



# The USDA programs and initiatives administered by the CNFD include:

- National School Lunch
- School Breakfast
- Special Milk
- Afterschool Snacks
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- Summer Food Service
- Child and Adult Care Food
- ♣ Food Distribution to Indian Reservations
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Commodity Supplement Foods
- USDA Foods for Schools
- Team Nutrition

### Students

Nutrition plays an important role in a child's readiness to learn, social behavior, and physical performance. The National School Lunch Program offers parents a convenient way to provide a nutritious lunch for their children at the lowest possible price. Studies show that proper nutrition improves a child's behavior, school performance, and overall cognitive development.

The School Breakfast Program helps ensure that children have the energy needed to start the school day. Many children are not ready to eat breakfast when they first wake up. Other children may have long commutes to school or long periods between breakfast at home and school lunch, making breakfast at school an important option. Research shows that children who have school breakfast eat more fruits, drink more milk, and consume a wider variety of foods than those who don't eat breakfast or have breakfast at home.

Afterschool snacks, served in conjunction with supervised education or enrichment activities after school, satisfy students' afternoon hunger with nutritious foods. Healthy snacks help children learn the importance of good nutrition all day and contribute to lifelong healthy eating patterns.

Our office is committed to continually improving children's access to nutrition programs. Students in K-12 public and private schools, and those in residential facilities, are served by these programs:

- ♣ National School Lunch
- School Breakfast
- ♣ Special Milk
- ♣ Afterschool Snacks
- **♣** Summer Food Service

# **School Nutrition Programs**

#### NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING SITES

Local Agency Type	<i>NSLP</i>	<b>SBP</b>	<i>SMP</i>	Afterschool Snacks
Public School Sites	362	324	18	86
Private Schools	32	15	2	2
Residential Child Care	20	21	0	11
Summer Camps	0	0	14	0
Total	414	360	34	99

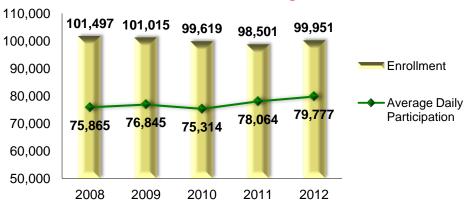
#### **STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

	NSLP	SBP	Afterschool Snacks
Enrollment	99, 951	91,564	10,350
Average Daily Participation	79,777	21,353	3,193
Participation Factor	79.8%	23.3%	30.9%

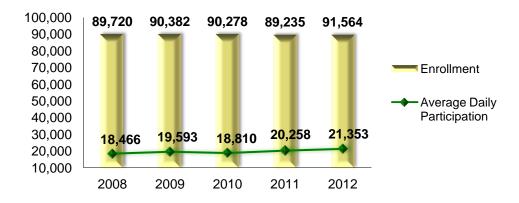


#### <u>AVERAGE DAILY PARTICIPATION</u>

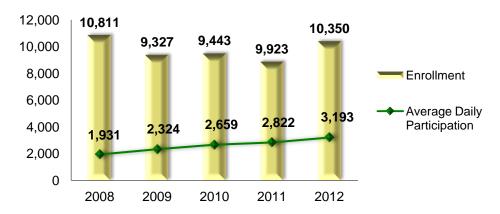
#### **National School Lunch Program**



#### **School Breakfast Program**

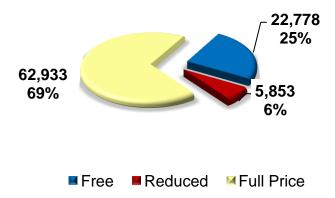


#### **Afterschool Snacks**



School nutrition programs provide a measure of food security for students whose homes have inadequate food supplies. Students meeting income eligibility guidelines may participate in the nutrition programs for free or at a reduced price.

# School Breakfast Program Eligibility 2011-2012



# National School Lunch Program Eligibility 2011-2012



#### <u>MEALS SERVED – 2011/12</u>

Breakfast Full Price Free Reduced Price	1,464.453 2,140,437 284,254	38% 55% 7%	Lunch Full Price Free Reduced Price	8,818,136 4,367,070 918,737	63% 31% 6%
<b>Total</b> Reimbursement	3,889,144 \$4,399,863	100%	<b>Total</b> Reimbursement	14,103,943 \$16,917,474	100%
Snacks Full Price Free Reduced Price TOTAL	175,903 329,334 16,996 522,233	34% 63% 3% <b>100%</b>	Milk Full Price Free Reduced Price TOTAL	123,829 2,552 0 126,381	98% 2% <u>0%</u> <b>100%</b>
Reimbursement	Included in N	SLP	Reimbursement	\$ 25,279	

Summer Camp Mi. Full Price Free	85,802 0	100% 0%
TOTAL Reimbursement	85,802 \$16,992	100%

#### STATE LEVEL FUNDING TO SUPPORT SCHOOL NUTRITION

The Department of Public Instruction receives federal administrative funding for state level activities in the NSLP, CACFP, SMP, and commodity distributions for schools. The state is also required to match the federal reimbursement with state general funds.

#### STATE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE (SAE)

	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>
Federal SAE funds expended	\$638,462	\$648,544	\$648,367	\$669,700
State funds for administration	\$ 78,427	\$ 72,591	\$ 85,952	\$ 72,556
State funds for meals	\$579,319	\$598,906	\$636,964	\$642,364
Federal SAE (Special Projects)	0	\$268,280	\$ 0	\$ 99,014

#### **NUTRITION QUALITY IN SCHOOL MEALS**

North Dakota students benefit from high quality meals prepared by dedicated school foodservice professionals. Federal regulations require that reimbursable meals adhere to the Dietary *Guidelines for Americans* and provide adequate protein, vitamins, minerals, and calories.

The 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend eating more fiber from foods like fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and legumes. School nutrition programs have begun implementing changes to meals and serving lines in order to offer more fiber. Many schools are offering salad bars with fresh fruits and vegetables every day. Fruits and vegetables have also been moved to the front of the serving lines. This practice encourages students to take more fruits and vegetables before their trays are full of other items.

Schools are offering USDA whole grain foods including brown rice, whole grain tortillas, whole grain pancakes, and whole grain pasta. Many schools are incorporating whole wheat flour and oats into their baked goods. Some schools are experimenting with offering legumes once a week.

In response to the obesity epidemic, the 2010 Dietary Guidelines also recommended offering food in age-appropriate serving sizes. Schools that previously offered seconds and thirds on the main entrée and milk are now encouraging students to take more fruits and vegetables instead. This practice will help increase the fiber in the menus and decrease fat and saturated fat.



#### SCHOOL COMPLIANCE WITH NUTRITION STANDARDS

Federal regulations limit fat in reimbursable meals to no more than 30 percent of calories from fat and 10 percent of calories from saturated fat. Over the years, calories from fat show a gradual decline.

	% Calories/Fat*	% Calories/Saturated Fat*
School Year 2008-09	28.7%	8.5%
School Year 2009-10	30.0%	9.5%
School Year 2010-11	28.1%	8.7%
School Year 2011-12	27.3%	8.4%
*average of all menus analyzed		

North Dakota schools are monitored every five years for compliance with eleven nutrient standards. This year 74 percent of monitored schools met all standards. The most common reason schools do not meet the standard is due to having higher levels of the recommended fats due to serving seconds of meat and milk.

School Year	Percent meeting all standards
2008-09	79.6%
2009-10	58.9%
2010-11	89.1%
2011-12	74%

		Nutrients	Monitored for Co	mpliance	
Calories	Protein	Calcium	Iron	Vitamin A	Vitamin C
Fiber	Total Fat	Sodium	Cholesterol	Saturated Fat	

#### New Meal Pattern 2012/2013

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 included a requirement for USDA to revise the school meal patterns to align with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Effective July 1, 2012, the New Meal Pattern, (NMP) requires:

- Schools must serve larger portions of fruits and vegetables, and
- Offer five different vegetable subgroups each week. The vegetable subgroups are dark green, orange/red, starchy, legumes and other.
- All students are required to take a fruit or vegetable at lunch.
- Half the bread/grain items offered each week must be whole grain rich.
- Milk must be 1% or skim or flavored skim.
- Compliance is monitored every three years.

Nutrients Monit	tored for Com	pliance – New I	Meal Pattern	
Saturated Fat	Trans Fats	Calories	Sodium	

#### HEALTHIER US SCHOOL CHALLENGE, (HUSSC)

The Healthier US School Challenge (HUSSC) was established by USDA to recognize schools with exemplary nutrition programs that promote nutrition education and physical activity. Four levels of superior performance are awarded: Bronze, Silver, and Gold and Gold of Distinction. Twenty-Six North Dakota elementary schools have received the prestigious HUSSC award:

#### **Bronze**

Lidgerwood Public School Richland Public Schools -Elementary -Junior/ Senior High Medina Elementary

#### **Gold**

Wahpeton Indian School
-Circle of Nations

#### **Silver**

Hettinger Public Schools
Adams-Edmore Public Schools
-Elementary School
-Senior High School
Valley City Public Schools
-Jefferson Elementary
-Washington Elementary
Elgin Public School

#### **Gold of Distinction**

Burlington-Des Lac Elementary Golva Elementary Neche Elementary ND Youth Correctional Center Grand Forks Elementary Schools -Ben Franklin, Carl Ben Eielson, Century, Kelly, Lake Agassiz, Lewis & Clark, Phoenix, Viking West, Wilder, Winship

#### FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a federally assisted program providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to students in participating elementary schools during the school day.

The FFVP began in 2004 and is administered at the state level by the Child Nutrition & Food Distribution programs-the same agency that administers the National School Lunch Program. Legislation in 2008 expanded the program to schools not previously authorized to participate in the program.

The program is geared towards elementary school with the highest proportion of free and reduced lunch enrollment, especially those at 50 percent and higher. Total enrollment of all schools selected in the state must result in a per-student allocation of \$50-\$75.

The goal of the FFVP is to improve children's overall diet and create healthier eating habits to impact their present and future health. The FFVP will help schools create healthier school

environments by providing healthier food choices, expanding the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience, and increasing children's fruit and vegetable consumption.

The program runs from July 1 to June 30 each year. Applications to participate in the program must be completed yearly.

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Grant Funds	\$764,600	\$1,153,165	\$1,695,900	1,743,400
#Schools Participated	62	111	172	170
#Students received FFVP	10,224	19,834	33,918	34,868

#### FOOD THAT'S IN WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT: THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

When school lets out, millions of low-income children lose access to the school breakfast, lunches and afterschool snacks they receive during the regular school year. The Summer Food Service Program fills in this gap and provides free meals and snacks to children who might otherwise go hungry.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides free meals and snacks to low-income children through age 18 when school is not in session. Most SFSP sites are open to all the children in the community. These open sites are eligible if the site is located in an area where at least 50 percent of the children are from households that would be eligible for free or reduced priced school meals.

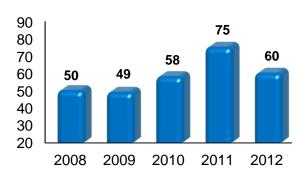
Other SFSP sites serve free meals and snacks only to those children enrolled in their programs. These enrolled sites are eligible for federal funds to serve all the children enrolled in the program if at least 50 percent of the children enrolled qualify for free or reduced-price schools meals.

Meals served through the SFSP must meet federal nutrition standards. In addition, many SFSP sites provide not just meals, but educational enrichment and recreational activities that help children continue to learn and stay safe when school is not in session. The meals provided through the Summer Food Service Program act as a magnet to draw children to these activities.



At most sites in North Dakota, children receive either one or two meals per day. Residential camps and sites that serve children from migrant households may be approved to serve up to three meals or two meals and one snack per day.

#### **Number of Participating Sites**



#### SFSP Sponsor Types

Migrant	3
Camp	1
Government	1
School	23
Private Non-Profit	7
Upward Bound	2
TOTAL	37

#### **SFSP PARTICIPATION**

#### Average Daily Participation

Month	<b>Breakfast</b>	Lunch	Supper	Snacks	<b>Sponsors</b>	Sites
June	2666	3092	42	499	29	51
July	1493	1923	25	431	24	41
August	576	606	0	88	12	18

Total number

Of lunches served 101,882

# Total Program Expenditures

Administrative Funding (local agency) \$ 45,967 Meal Reimbursement \$448,129

#### INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Infants and young children are served primarily through the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) plays a vital role in improving the quality of child care and making it more affordable for many low-income families. The CACFP provides nutritious meals and snacks to children and adults being cared for at family child care homes, child care centers, Head Start programs, school-age child care sites, and adult care centers.

The CACFP benefits children and adults in many ways:

Participating programs provide meals according to the nutrition standards set by USDA, ensuring that children and adults receive balanced, nutritious meals and snacks.

Studies show that children in the CACFP receive meals that are nutritionally superior to those served to children in child care centers without the CACFP.

The CACFP can help start good nutrition habits early in life.

The CACFP resources and training support communities by supporting child care.

Research cites participation in the CACFP as one of the major factors influencing quality care.

The CACFP is key to good nutrition and quality, affordable child care, which allows children to develop fully, prepares children to enter school ready to learn, and helps working families work.

The CACFP is operated by public or private non-profit and private for-profit child care centers, afterschool programs, childcare homes, school programs, and other agencies. Public and private non-profit sponsoring organizations provide direct administration services for child care providers and are reimbursed for their administrative expenses.

#### Number of CACFP Meals Served Annually-Centers

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Breakfast	955,935	1,030,880	1,013,876	1,017,897
Lunch	1,174,663	1,266,135	1,257,292	1,246,721
Supper	44,018	43,959	36,020	50,935
Snacks	<u>1,391,154</u>	1, 506, 77	1,527,736	1,562,852
Total	3,565,767	3,847,747	3,834,924	3,878,378

#### Number of CACFP Meals Served Annually-FCCH Sponsors

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Breakfast	1,723,487	1,725,462	1,705,306	1,646.033
Lunch	1,851,770	1,836,264	1,815,664	1,746.626
Supper	115,308	101,905	92,772	79,240
Snacks	<u>2,194,500</u>	2,168,115	2,124,305	2,025,876
Total	5,885,065	5,831,746	5,738,047	5,497,775



# NUMBER OF AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CACFP

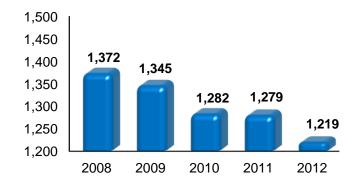
	Public	Private
Military	1	2
Tribal	1	3
Centers	25	51
Head Start	6	5
Family Child Care Sponsors	1	5

### FAMILY CHILD CARE SPONSORS

<u>Private</u>	<u>Homes</u>
Heartland Child Nutrition, Inc. (Bismarck)	534
Southeast ND Community Action Agency (Fargo)	251
AmeriKids, Inc. (Grand Forks)	103
Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency (Devils Lake)	43
NDC, Inc. (Minot)	262

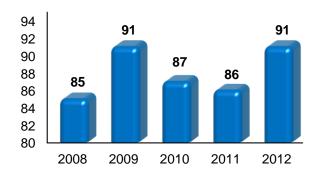
<u>Public</u>
ABC Child Care (Minot & Grand Forks Air Force Bases) 26

#### **Number of Participating Homes**



Total reimbursement for meals FY 11-2012.... \$6,130,604

#### **Number of Participating Center Sponsors**



Total reimbursement for meals FY 11-2012.....\$2,834,540

#### HOUSEHOLDS

The household food distribution programs play a significant role in improving the nutritional status and food security of individuals. USDA foods are provided in household-sized packages and include vegetables and fruits, grains and cereals, meat and meat alternates, milk products, and staple foods. USDA foods are intended to supplement the foods purchased by individuals and households.

Three USDA food assistance programs are available to income-eligible households:

- **♣** Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- ♣ The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

#### Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Participants in the FDPIR receive foods that are available as a monthly package. In fiscal year -2012, an average of 4511 people participated in the FDPIR each month.

Previously known as the Needy Family Program, this is the oldest of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service programs, going back to the Great Depression of the 1930s.

#### The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

USDA foods are distributed to food pantries across the state under TEFAP. Great Plains Food Bank of Fargo and regional community action agencies are responsible for local administration of the program.

TEFAP provides financial assistance for the statewide distribution of non-USDA food items to food pantries. The CNFD office also has a cooperative arrangement with Great Plains Food Bank of Fargo to support the distribution of non-USDA food donated by the food industry.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Office</u>	Food Pantry
			<u>Sites Served</u>
I	Community Action and Development	Williston	3
II	Community Action Opportunities	Minot	12
III	Dakota Prairie Community Action	Devils Lake	8
IV	Red River Valley Community Action	<b>Grand Forks</b>	9
V	Southeastern ND Community Action	Fargo	12
VI	Community Action Region VI	Jamestown	17
VII	Community Action Region VII	Bismarck	11
VIII	Community Action & Development	Dickinson	10
	Great Plains Food Bank	Fargo	121

#### **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**

The CSFP provides a monthly food package to people with limited incomes, mainly the elderly. The program serves seniors age 60 and older who are at or below 130 percent of the poverty level. The program works to improve the health of seniors by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA foods. It provides food and administrative funds to states to supplement the diets of these groups. Attention must be given to the nutritional needs of the growing number of elderly citizens in North Dakota.

On average, 2,121 seniors participated monthly in the CSFP in fiscal year 2012. The average USDA value of a CSFP food package is \$15 per month per person. The USDA value is generally one half of retail value

#### USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

The distribution of USDA foods serves two purposes:

- To strengthen the nutrition health of participating persons





In addition to households receiving USDA foods through the FDPIR, TEFAP, and CSFP, children from infancy through teen years are also participants through school, child care, and summer programs that receive USDA food assistance.

#### **School USDA Food Distribution Program (SCH)**

Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program receive a variety of USDA foods in institutional sizes. USDA foods must be of domestic origin, and nearly 60 percent of the food purchased for the Child Nutrition Programs by USDA must be determined by the Department to be in surplus at the time of purchase. USDA foods are intended to supplement the foods purchased by foodservice personnel.

Each school receives an entitlement amount which is based on the current per meal rate from USDA multiplied by 180 days multiplied by each school's average daily participation (ADP) from October of the previous year. Schools use their entitlements to purchase USDA foods that are offered by CNFD.

During Fiscal year 2011-2012, the USDA per meal rate was \$.2225 cents, which gave North Dakota an entitlement of \$3,790,595.

#### **Child and Adult Care Commodity Program (CACFP)**

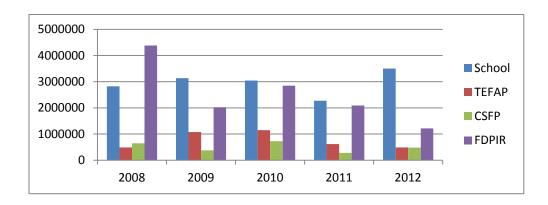
Like the school USDA food distribution program, child care centers who participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program are eligible to receive institutional-sized USDA foods. Unlike schools, child care centers who participate have the option of accepting USDA foods or cash-in-

lieu of USDA foods. Entitlement for fiscal year 2012 was \$11,174with one North Dakota child care center participating in the program. The total amount of cash-in-lieu paid to CACFP centers in 2012 was \$285,092.66.

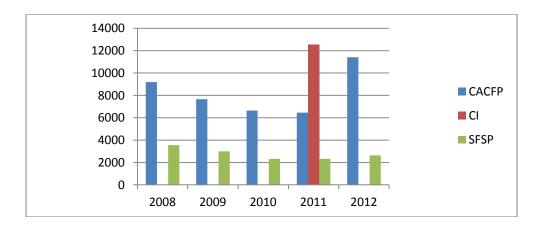
#### **Charitable Institution Commodity Program (CI)**

Participants that are eligible to receive USDA food under this program must be public institutions or non-profits organizations that provide meal service on a regular basis and operate in the same place without marked changes such as emergency shelters, soup kitchens, hospitals, retirement homes, elderly nutrition projects, and adult correctional institutions that conduct rehabilitation programs for a majority of inmates. USDA foods available for this program are bonus items from USDA.

USDA Food Purchases Over \$100,000



USDA Food Purchases Under \$100,000



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#### USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION FACTS

#### VALUE OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2012

(Includes bonus USDA foods)

<u>Local Agency Type</u>	<u>Value</u>
CACFP	\$ 14,131
Charitable Institutions	\$ 0
CSFP	\$ 478,662
FDPIR	\$2,565,910
Schools	\$3, 018,413
SFSP	\$ 4,972
TEFAP	\$ 425,105
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED	\$6,507,193

#### **WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS**

The CNFD office contracts with a privately owned North Dakota business to warehouse and transport USDA foods. Warehousing and transportation costs are supported by local and federal funds. During fiscal year 2012, the cost to warehouse and distribute food statewide was:

•	Warehousing	\$252,781
4	Transporting (includes fuel surcharge)	\$381,505

#### NORTH DAKOTA USDA FOODS

USDA purchases various North Dakota products for nationwide distribution in the USDA food distribution programs. In fiscal year 2012, these products were:

<u>Product</u>	Pack Size	Quantity Purchased (pound	<u> Total Value</u>
Bakers Hard Wht Flour	Bulk	45,000	\$8,302.50
Sunflower Butter	6/5#	702,240	\$1,427,426.76
Sunflower Butter	Bulk	43,680	\$82,118.40
Whole Grain Spaghetti	20 lb.	1,800,000	\$754,988.01
Pasta Spaghetti	20 lb.	160,000	\$59,840.00
Pasta Spaghetti	12/2 lb.	1,224,000	\$463,169.76
Potatoes	Bulk	1,880,000	\$191,776.00
			\$2,987,621.43

#### **NUTRITION PROFESSIONALS**

The professionals who plan and prepare nutritious meals and snacks have a profound impact on the children they serve. The CNFD office supports these individuals by providing training for the multitude of skills needed to manage a nutrition program. Professional development activities include:

- **♣** *Pathways to a Quality Foodservice* training series
- 4 "Master Pathways" for those who completed the *Pathways* series
- **♣** Directions newsletter for school nutrition personnel
- ♣ Round Up newsletter for child care personnel
- **♣** One-on-one consultations
- Mentoring program
- **♣** Site visits
- ♣ Access to a lending library
- **♣** Back-to-School workshops

The *Pathways to a Quality Foodservice* series of courses is the centerpiece of training for nutrition professionals. In 2011-2012:

- ◆ 15 Pathways courses were held.
- **↓** 152 nutrition professionals attended training.
- 4 2 Recognition pins were awarded for completing one of three levels of training.

Currently, 88 child nutrition professionals have completed all 11 courses in the *Pathways* training series, making them eligible to attend "Master Pathways" training sessions.

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 required USDA to update the school meal nutrition standards to reflect the most current dietary science. It has been fifteen years since school meal standards have been updated. CNFD staff provided the following trainings to food service personnel across the state to assist staff in creating menus to reflect the New Meal Pattern, which was effective July, 2012.

New Meal Pattern trainings were offered in Bismarck, Park River, Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot attended by 241 food service staff and administrators.

#### SCHOOL AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

Our office strives to provide the best possible customer service to local school program administrators. Assistance is available through:

- Site visits
- Formal training
- **4** Administrative Update newsletter
- **♣** Interactive web site
- **★** Telephone and email consultation

Our staff works hard to provide leadership and new ideas in program administration, nutrition, and other areas. This is done in order to expand and improve operations at all levels. We take this leadership role very seriously.

#### HEALTHY SCHOOLS

#### **Team Nutrition**

Team Nutrition (TN) is a USDA initiative to support Child Nutrition Programs through training and technical assistance for foodservice, nutrition education for teachers, children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity. Team Nutrition's goal is to improve children's lifelong eating and physical activity habits by using the principals of the *Dietary Guidelines for American* and *MyPyramid*. More information on TN and several resources are available on the TN website at www.teamnutrition.usda.gov.

Team Nutrition funding to states is received through competitive USDA grants. North Dakota Child Nutrition Programs has a long history of receiving TN grants since they were first offered in 1995. Twelve grants totaling over 2.1 million dollars from 1995 through 2011 have supported the development of extensive services in nutrition education and foodservice training.

The USDA TN grant awarded to North Dakota for 2011-2012 will be completed in June 2012 and had two major goals:

- 1. To increase student acceptance and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables by providing nutrition education and promotion projects.
- 2. To provide teaching materials to be used to supplement and/or enhance the MyPyramid and MyPyramid for Kids materials available free from USDA.

To achieve the goals and objectives for the TN 2011-2012 grant the following activities were implemented during the 2011-2012 grant year:

- ♣ The Regional Education Association that has a Coordinated School Health Coordinator utilized TN grant funds to provide food service staff workshops and to promote healthy eating for students.
- **HUSSC** training materials were updated to reflect the change in criteria and to include the Gold of Distinction category
- ♣ Seventeen school applications have been sent to the regional office for final approval.

# REIMBURSEMENT RATES 2011-2012

#### **SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

	NSLP Reimbursement	SBP Reimbursement	Snack Reimbursement
Free	\$2.77	\$1.51	<b>\$.76</b>
<b>Reduced Price</b>	\$2.37	\$1.21	<b>\$.38</b>
<b>Full Price</b>	<b>\$.26</b>	<b>\$.27</b>	<b>\$.07</b>

#### **SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**

<u> Meal Reimbursem</u>	<u>ent</u>	Administrative Reimburse	<u>ment</u>		
		Rural Self-Prepara	ition Site	Other Sites	
Breakfast	<b>\$1.71</b>	Breakfast	<b>\$.17</b>	Breakfast	<b>\$.1350</b>
Lunch/Supper	<b>\$2.98</b>	Lunch/Supper	\$.3125	Lunch/Supper	\$.2575
Snacks	<b>\$.69</b>	Snacks	\$.0850	Snacks	<b>\$.0675</b>

#### CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

#### **CHILD AND ADULT CARE CENTERS**

	Paid	Reduced Price	Free
Breakfast	<b>\$.27</b>	\$1.25	\$1.55
Lunch/Supper	<b>\$.27</b>	<b>\$2.46</b>	\$2.86
Snacks	<b>\$.07</b>	<b>\$.39</b>	<b>\$.78</b>

#### **FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

	Tier I	Tier II
Breakfast	<b>\$1.27</b>	<b>\$.46</b>
Lunch/Supper	\$2.38	<b>\$1.44</b>
Snacks	<b>\$.71</b>	<b>\$.19</b>

#### FCCH Sponsor Administrative Reimbursement - per home, per month

1-50 Homes	\$106
Next 150 Homes	\$81
Next 800 Homes	\$63
<b>Additional Homes</b>	\$55

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